Legal Representation Poll: City of Santa Ana

\[ n = 375 \text{ likely voters; } +/- 5.1\% \]

May 31 - June 2

1 Summary

Nearly two out of every three likely voters in the City of Santa Ana, 64.5%, support or strongly support paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation.

Approximately half of all voters in the City of Santa Ana are registered Democratic voters. Support for paying for legal representation is not, however, limited to these voters. 80.8% of registered Democratic voters support or strongly support paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, 64.4% of registered Independents support or strongly support, and 32.7% of registered Republicans support or strongly support.

After providing voters with more information about how the immigration court system works, the most resonant piece of information was: “any non-citizen, including green-card holders who have lived in the country for decades, can be held in immigration detention and deported.” After hearing this information, support for paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, increases to 70.2%.

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• 64.5% support or strongly support the City of Santa Ana paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation;

• Majorities of registered Democratic voters (80.8%) and registered Independent voters (64.4%) support or strongly support paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation;

• With respect to race/ethnicity, majorities of White (63.6%) and Hispanic/Latino voters (74.8%) support or strongly support paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation;

• When voters learn that “any non-citizen, including green-card holders who have lived in the country for decades, can be held in immigration detention and deported,” support for the City of Santa Ana paying for legal representation for everyone who cannot afford an attorney, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, increases to 70.2%;

• 93.7% feel that it is important or very important for all people to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law;

• 83.0% feel that it is important or very important for all people, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law;

• Large majorities of registered Democratic voters (92.4%) and registered Independent voters (90.3%), and a strong majority of registered Republican voters (64.3%) feel that it is important or very important for all people, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law;

• 95.2% feel that it is important or very important for low-income people to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law;

• 83.3% feel that it is important or very important for low-income people, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation, to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law; and
Large majorities of registered Democratic voters (94.6%) and registered Independent voters (93.5%), and a majority of registered Republican voters (57.1%) feel that it is important or very important for low-income people, including detained immigrants and immigrants facing deportation to have access to legal representation and due process in a court of law.

2 Methodology

This survey was fielded from May 31 to June 2. Likely voters were identified using a voter file obtained from NationBuilder. 55,246 out of the 120,892 active voters in the voter file were identified as likely voters. These voters, who comprised the sample frame, were randomly selected to participate in the survey. All surveys were conducted via phone (landlines and cell phones) by America’s Survey Company (ASC). The margin of error is 5.1%.